



GOD'S LOVE

The Eternal Friend

“The road is too rough,” I said;
 “It is uphill all the way;
 No flowers, but thorns instead;
 And the skies over head are grey.”
 But One took my hand at the entrance dim,
 And sweet is the road that I walk with Him.

“The cross is too great,” I cried—
 “More than the back can bear,
 So rough and heavy and wide,
 And nobody by to care.”
 And One stooped softly and touched my hand:
 “I know. I care. And I understand.”

Then why do we fret and sigh;
 Cross-bearers all we go:
 But the road ends by-and-by
 In the dearest place we know,
 And every step in the journey we
 May take in the Lord's own company.

—Selected.

THE GROUND OF



“LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF
 THE WORLD. AMEN,” Matt. 28:20.

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NOTICES

From the Field

This is to notify the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s of Mississippi that the Sunday School banner goes to the Pilgrim Rest church with an increase of 130 and the Y. P. E. banner goes to Natchez with an increase of 274.

Come on, Mississippi, and let's go over the top for Jesus. Also remember the Tallahalla district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention will convene at the Tallahalla church the fourth Sunday (July 28). Everybody is welcome.—State superintendent of Y. P. E. and S. S., Arlie Dorman.

The Illinois state Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention will convene at Eldorado, Ill., Aug. 15-18. We invite the saints from near-by states and all their workers and singers to join us at that time. You can get a good look at the crowd that is going to win the national honors.—Leonard Newton, state superintendent.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, will lecture at the North Carolina Bible School Monday through Friday, July 22-26, at Kanapolis, N. C., each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to these lectures.—Rev. E. W. Williams, state overseer of North Carolina.

Thank God For My Experience

I thank God for a Holy-Ghost-filled mind. I am really sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and I thank God for my experience in salvation. How I was brought into the knowledge of my blessing I do know. I was a friend to sin and an enemy to God, but in August, 1911, my blinded eyes came open to the truth and I saw my condition before the Lord, and that very day I turned to the Lord and was sanctified, and laid down all my sinful ways and shouldered my cross and I am going on with the Lord. The third Sunday in September I was filled with the Holy Ghost. Thank God! I have been running for eternal life ever since. In 1914 the light of the true Church was opened up to me. There and then I took a stand with the Church of God.—Wm. Tarver (col), 3220 First Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala.

Many churches are dying with consumption. They consume all of their finance, all of their gifts and talents, all of their time petting or quarreling, sleeping or creeping, begging for blessings, until they are dead with consumption.

Announces Missouri Camp Meeting



Rev. M. G. Swart, pastor of the Church of God in Leadwood, Mo., and also one of the camp meeting committee, enthusiastically announces the time and place for Missouri's first old time camp meeting, in the Park at Leadwood, August 15-25. The last three days will be the state convention. He urges all to make special arrangements to be present. The facilities and environment are both pleasant and inviting. Accommodations have been worked out for all guests. Beds can be had for 10c a night. A nice tent room, 8x6, with private accommodations can be secured for \$4.00 for ten days. Meals can be had at a restaurant on the grounds very reasonably—breakfast, 15c and up; dinner, 25c. Our esteemed Assistant General Overseer, Rev. R. P. Johnson, will speak for us in the evening services. We are expecting many visiting ministers and friends from other states to attend this camp meeting.—Houston R. Morehead.

PLATFORM MANNERISMS

By REV. MELVIN O. SMITH

TEXT, 1 Cor. 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order." Titus 1:5, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee."

PRELUDE: I am not a critic though I have undergone lots of criticism (constructive I suppose); neither am I qualified for the giving of extraordinary instructions but rather receive some; nor am I a prophet or a minor prophet; neither does it take a prophet to say what I am going to say about platform mannerisms, etc.

A mannerism is any act performed by the speaker which detracts from the facts

which ought to receive attention. Many sermons fail because of peculiarity in manner or in apparel, or something which draws the attention from the message.

Statements like these are frequently heard: "I didn't get a thing out of what that man said, because he cleared his throat all through his sermon." "If he had only looked us in the eyes we would have thought he really meant what he said, but now and then he looked above us or between us, never at us." Or, "Do you know how many times that man repeated the words 'friends,' 'yes-sir-ee,' 'praise the Lord,' 'amen,' etc.?"

Then there are the gesticulations that are annoying to some people. A friend of mine was all the time criticising me on a certain line, so I had the opportunity of hearing him preach some time back and that was one time I was watching him closely, so after service I had the privilege of telling him his gesture was wrong. I told him he may use both hands in the hand forms except the index hand form which means to single out, or to denote a warning. As it was this man used both hands with all the forms. We are not to forget the matter of personal appearance. We should avoid as many of these detracting features as possible.

Then there is the tendency to bring one's self into the limelight. Walking home from a revival with a friend I remarked, "It was a pretty good meeting." "Yes," answered my friend, "but he mentioned himself forty-seven times." It is an achievement to keep one's little self in the shadow and bring Christ to the front. It is no easy matter to say with the apostle, "For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Christian workers often look for praise more than for results. It is regretted that it should be so, because we have such a wonderful Savior to present to the people. NOTHING should detract attention from Him. Our senseless sacrilegious wit, sarcasm, irony and stale jokes appear at times to be an exhibition instead of an AMBASSADOR with a message from the KING to the people.

Let me say again, anything that will detract attention from our message such as taking our handkerchief out of our pocket, and putting it back, putting it under the Bible, then forgetting where you put it, then have to spend precious time looking for it, taking off your glasses and putting them back on, these habits, brethren, has the tendency to divert the attention of the people from your message.

Remember the text, "Let everything be done decently and in order." Amen.

He who puts his trust in God is running no risk of being deceived.

Feet Washing

A. H. BATTS

TEXT: "The rest will I set in order when I come," 1 Cor. 11:34.

From Philippi Paul wrote two letters to the church at Corinth and in these two letters he made mention of everything from repentance to the resurrection, yea, even the kingdom. "Repentance," 2 Cor. 7:10. "Justification and sanctification," 1 Cor. 6:11. "Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues," 1 Cor. 6:19 and Ch. 14:2-4. "Church of God," 1 Cor. 1:2; 10:32; 11:16, 22. "Church rules or government, divine healing, teachers and gifts," 1 Cor. 12:28. "Hair bobbing and drinks," Ch. 10 and 11. "How to conduct conference," "Women keep silent," 1 Cor. 5:1-12; Ch. 14:23-40. "Resurrection from the dead and the rapture," 1 Cor. 13. "Tithes," 1 Cor. 16:2; 9 Ch.

All these doctrines are made very plain in these two letters to the church at Corinth, and as the apostle was giving the rules for the sacrament in the eleventh chapter of First Corinthians, he concludes by saying, "The rest will I set in order when I come," 11:34. Rest of what? Why, the rest of the doctrine of Christ that I have not made plain to you, when I get there I will set in ORDER. Order is style, system, method, a prescribed form of service, as of a rite.—Webster.

With the above I think the reader will or has already agreed that the apostle was having reference to the ordinance of feet washing. Then another great reason for believing this is found in the teaching of Jesus Himself. In the thirteenth chapter of John, as he gave the plain example, Paul in giving the Church instructions as how to serve the Lord's Supper, said, "The rest will I set in order when I come," i. e. I will give you the example of how to do the rest when I get there.

And when Jesus had finished giving the example of how the sacrament should be served, He immediately set the rest in order by rising up from supper and laying aside His garment (or coat), pouring water in a basin (or a wash bowl), and beginning to wash the Christians' feet. It is an undeniable, settled fact Paul did preach that the saints must wash feet in order to have the favors of God and His Church.

In the administering to the needs of a widow, yes, my friends, the Bible makes feet washing a condition, or a prerequisite. The widow "must be well reported for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, IF SHE HAVE WASHED THE SAINTS' FEET, if she have relieved the afflicted,

if she have diligently followed every good work," 1 Tim. 5:10. Here we find God's Bible said the saints' feet, not her children nor strangers nor either the afflicted, but the saints' feet. Saints are those who are sanctified. The CHURCH of GOD people at Corinth were sanctified, called to be saints, 1 Cor. 1:2. Then feet washing is for the saints, the faithful in Christ Jesus. And if a widow is not faithful in this order of service, the Church is not held responsible for her welfare. "These things write I unto thee . . . but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God," 1 Tim. 3:14, 15. Notice, *these* things, more than one. Yes, the house of God is the place to wash the saints' feet. Christ used the same place for washing the disciples' feet that He used for serving the holy communion.

Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." In order for him to follow Christ he would have to wash the disciples' feet and in order for us to follow Him we will have to wash the disciples' feet. Paul taught this doctrine because Christ taught it. Christ not only taught it, but after His resurrection He commanded His ministers to go "preach and teach ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU." Matt. 28:19, 20.

Christ certainly taught this doctrine and made it plenty plain. This was some of His last teaching, just before He went back to His Father's house. Some of His disciples did not believe in this order of service; many of His disciples do not believe in it today. And this is not the only doctrine Christ taught that some of His disciples do not believe. He is long-suffering though. He is not willing that any perish. He will wait a long time for His children to line up with His teaching.

We find in Acts that every soul that will not hear every word of Jesus will be destroyed from among the people. Acts 3. Some will try to excuse themselves by saying, "This does not apply to me; it was an old Jewish custom." But Peter said, "Lord, dost thou wash my feet?" And Jesus said, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." John 13. It looks to me like if it had been a Jewish custom Peter would have understood what the Master meant when He began to wash the disciples' feet. Though Peter was a disciple, there was a significance attached to this order of service that he was blind too, so blind that he said, "Lord, thou shalt never wash my feet." Very well, Peter, you may do as you like.

No one is trying to force you. But remember, if I wash thee not, with me ye have neither part nor lot. You are cut off right here; this is as far as you can go with us. Peter believed the Master's message, though he could not see into it. He knew not what it meant, could not see any reason for it at all. But just because Jesus taught it, he said, Master, if I have to do this to have fellowship or a part with you, wash my feet, hands and even my head. If Peter had held out stubbornly in this teaching, he could not have had any lot or even a part of a lot with Jesus. If the widow had not been faithful in this teaching, washing the saints' feet, she could not have required due respect from the Church of God. So, dear friends, let us take GOOD heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we let them slip. Heb. 2.

The Greek rendering for "slip" is lest we "become as a leaking vessel" (or bucket); lest we "become thirsty and there be no drink."

All these things are written for our good and they are profitable for us that we may know how we ought to please God.

DESCRIPTION or EXAMPLE

"Supper being ended, . . . he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments, and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with a towel wherewith he was girded." John 13:2-5.

Here Christ gives us the plain example and this shows how that a teaching may start from either of two points, from philosophy or from life. Christ's teaching on this doctrine did not leave room for debate. It was not a theory. It was a fact. There it was a stoop that never can be forgotten, an argument which no ingenuity could ever impair. It was practical. The Lord and Master had done it. It was worth doing, or He who never trifled with life would never have given the example. Then said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet." If we want to hide ourselves under a great name, Christ provided for this peculiarity of our nature. If, when you are in the humble act of washing your brother's feet, there should come into your cheek a tingling of shame, you can then say, "I am washing a brother's feet," and you can use the name of One who is great for your hiding place. Yes, you may say, JESUS DID IT AND TAUGHT ME TO DO IT.

Someone may ask, If this doctrine is so important to us, why did neither of the first three Gospels make mention of it? And then I would ask, If the "new birth" is so important, why did only John make mention of it, and also the golden text (Continued on page 16)

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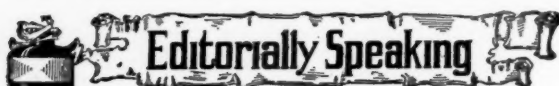
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Fifth Column Activities

WE are told that early in the Spanish Civil War, General Emilio Mola boasted how the Nationalist Armies would take Loyalist-held Madrid. "We have four columns marching on the city," General Mola said, "and within the city we have a fifth column." General Mola gave the fifth column its name but he did not by any means originate the idea, nor did fifth column activities begin with the Spanish Civil War.

From earliest history we have had spies, traitors, and other undercover characters who have worked to overthrow government and order. Civilization now realizes that fifth column activities have been the greatest, and most powerful factor in the downfall of the nations which have recently succumbed to Nazism and the Hitler regime. In the ages past the principal activities of traitors were motivated by either spite or money which was to them enhancing, but it has been said that in these days the matter is more complicated because there are many fifth columnists whose activities are motivated solely by certain ideologies so that they become conscientious in their undercover work, thinking that they are helping to bring about a great order in the destruction of democracy and the establishment of totalitarian ideas. These ideas, however, are not to be found alone in politics nor in governmental quarters but are also to be found in religion. The first fifth columnists and perhaps the master of all fifth columnists appeared in the Garden of Eden to bring about chaos in a beautiful world order that God had created, thus in the creation or genesis of God's order man sold out. Approximately 4,000 years later in the re-creation the same thing happened when one of the chosen disciples, Judas by name, proved to be a fifth columnist and delivered the Lord of Glory into the hands of His enemies. If these appeared in the beginning, in the Eden of God and in the re-creation under the ministry of Christ, it certainly is not to be wondered at that they will appear in these last days.

"What is the cause of the failure of the Church?" is a question that is often asked. The Christian religion has failed and is failing in many places because fifth column ideology has crept into the ranks of Christendom. Modernism and a social gospel is being preached by many who have accepted the church only

as a cloak but have never had a change of heart, thus the modern churches have become filled with modernism. It may be said that this is not true regarding holiness and the holiness movements of today. Perhaps it is not, in the same way and manner, and yet the enemy is wide awake to the growth of the holiness movement. He is also wide awake to the growth of the Church of God and it is not to be expected that he will forget or be slack in trying to promote any fifth column activities among the holiness believers at any time he can. The devil is still a devil of spite, and a devil of greed, and a devil of selfishness, and it is to be remembered that those who are guilty of treason are motivated by a lust for power, a lust for gain, or a desire for revenge, but the children of God should be wide awake to the fact that these are marks of the fifth column, and make loyalty the watchword, loyalty to Christ and His Church, never giving place to the enemy who would propagandize the minds of all of those who are trying to live true to God.

Dorcas

LOYALTY can be no more beautifully portrayed than in some of the feminine characters of the Bible. It was a woman who showed her love and loyalty to Christ by anointing His feet and wiping them with the hair of her head. It was also a woman who proclaimed the resurrection message to the apostles after having been the first to the sepulcher to witness the stone rolled away and the angelic being standing by, and though few are mentioned, outstanding deeds and activities are attributed to women of the early Church.

In his first letter to Timothy, Paul calls the attention of that youthful minister to the unfeigned faith which he possessed and which was also possessed by his grandmother and mother, thus signifying that his wonderful experience and his success should be largely attributed to the influence of his mother. Then one might think of the great influence of Dorcas, the woman of Lydda, a woman who was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. These and perhaps many other women of the early Church were responsible for its progress and

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success.

It is no less true in the Church of God today for where the women of the Church are wide awake and have pooled their energies in an auxiliary to help carry on the work, they have been a valuable asset. Perhaps one of the most progressive auxiliaries of the Church is the L. W. W. B. It is not possible for us to tell at just what time the organization of our women as local church workers began in the Church, but as early as 1920 there were many such organizations as the Ladies' Prayer Band, The Woman's Circle, and the Dorcas Circle, organized in various local churches. These organizations were not uniform but were only local, with a variety of names and objectives. In the year 1936 a resolution was introduced in the Assembly asking that the name "The Ladies Willing Workers Band," or L. W. W. B., be adopted as a uniform name for the women's auxiliary. It was granted and since that time the auxiliary has been a great factor in spreading the gospel and in the furtherance of church work. At the state convention in North Carolina we heard the report of the Greensboro district, that the Ladies Willing Workers Band had raised \$900.00 in helping to promote different branches of the Church. The report for the state was \$3,628.79. This was indeed no small item, but at the West Virginia state convention we were further inspired by a report that the L. W. W. B. of that state had raised \$7,745.09. The loyalty of the Ladies Willing Workers Band is proven by their works.

Wherefore Art Thou Come?

BY E. LESLEY SIMMONS, JR.

MATT. 26:48-50, "Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: bold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come?"

Even before Judas' betrayal Christ knew what he was plotting in his heart. In like manner today when we change sides and cease to serve Christ, He knows. Crying with loud words and affecting to serve Him, while on the inside are murmurings and ungodly thoughts, is quite without calling for the inward feelings are much more to be sought, for the abundance of the heart is the necessary part while the rest follows after.



Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a publican. One was thankful that he was not lowly and humble, while the other asked only that God be merciful to him a sinner. Luke 18:10. The one who was humble before Christ was justified while the other was not. Why? He had sold Christ for pride. Are you too proud to humble yourself before Christ? If so, Christ asks you this same question, FRIEND, WHEREFORE ART THOU COME?

Adam and Eve were put in the Garden of Eden and told to partake of all but one tree. That one tree was holy and was to be left alone for God. It was placed in the Garden as a constant reminder that all came from God. Adam and Eve partook thereof and died a spiritual death.

God gives us the needed things of life and asks only that we return the tenth which is *holy* to the Lord. Lev. 27:32. In like manner it is given to remind us that all things are from God. When we come to God and there seems a barrier between us and His throne, it may be that we have partaken of that which was holy to God, sold Christ for a measly tenth. WHEREFORE ART THOU COME?

Another thing that we often sell Christ for is the privileges of petty sins. "Oh, a little white lie is all right," someone might say, but my Bible says, "Thou shalt not lie." That means white, black, red, or any other kind. We should watch our conversation against things that would be displeasing to Him as we must

do His will at all times if we are to be found good and faithful servants. Luke 16:13. FRIEND, WHEREFORE ART THOU COME?

Professed Christians often say, "I don't see why the preacher always picks me out to preach to." The reason is that some professed Christians are *bit* in some way or another by most any real sermon that is a message from God's Word. Condemnation is still on their souls. They are trying to live a lukewarm life and therefore are bothered by neither heat or cold. They are the ones who can't be satisfied by anything. They are the ones who need another dip in the blood of Jesus, the ones to whom Christ speaks those condemning words. One following the light is not condemned. Those not following the light are condemned already. If we are not in the light we must be in darkness. FRIEND, WHEREFORE ART THOU COME?

Christ in speaking to the disciples spoke some other words which should be carefully noted by those falling under the foregoing category, Matt. 26:24, "Woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born."

These words, while being spoken to the disciples of Judas Iscariot, are still very applicable to those who would exchange Christ for the privilege of being a little of the world, something God's children are not. Christ said we were not of the world even as He was not of the world. If we take on that little bit even, that worldliness will cause us to be in a lukewarm condition and according to Paul we will be spued out of His mouth for being in that condition, because we are neither hot nor cold. Truly it would be better for us never to have been born than for that to happen, for according to Christ there will be great weeping and gnashing of teeth by those who are cast into outer darkness. Matt. 24:51. Truly we must hearken unto the words of Christ to Judas now so we will not hear Him say to us those condemning words that He said to Judas, FRIEND, WHEREFORE ART THOU COME?

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," Mark 16:15. This is another commandment which is greatly neglected today. How many times has God said to you, "Go," and you have failed? Many of you answer at once, "I would go but I have too big a family," or, "I would have to give up my job," or perhaps some other excuse, but the Word of God teaches that He will provide that necessary food, raiment, etc., for the family and if He has

spoken such to you personally, to get up and go, you will be better off without that job anyway. Regardless of what the excuse you have offered, remember the words, "Thou art inexcusable, O man," not only in personally getting out to other places with the gospel, for all aren't called to the direct work, but we are all called indirectly in this passage. How? Do you remember the mission offering you let go by and went on a picnic instead? Do you remember when you could have taken that preacher to his appointment he was about to miss but you wanted to go fishing or visiting so he had to miss it? Do you remember a way you could have helped the work along but you were too busy with your own affairs? If so, when you fall before the Lord's throne and cry, "Lord, Lord," you may hear those same condemning words, FRIEND, WHEREFORE ART THOU COME?

Another thing which fits in closely with betraying or selling Christ is denying Him. In fact, there is so little difference that we feel obliged while speaking of the one to include the other also. Many members of the Church of God, professed Christians, will stand and hear the way criticized and made all manner of evil of and still not say anything in defence of Christ. Many will not answer even when a member of the Church of God is called for because they fear they will be thought less of than they would if they kept it a secret. They go to church then and their testimony is one of the most flowery of the ones offered. Still they have denied Christ. The Word teaches that if we are ashamed of Him He will be ashamed of us. Mark 8:38. It is very dangerous to deny our relationship by not letting it be known when opportunity affords. If we deny Him, He will deny us. 2 Tim. 2:12, and we will have brought upon ourselves swift destruction. 2 Peter 2:1.

If we have been selling Christ for pride, money, social standing, or whatever might be the price we receive, we should get closer to God and cease selling Him. If we have been denying Him we should ask Him for strength to work against Satan and to stand up for Christ. Many of us should examine ourselves to see if we fit in the category, Gal. 13:5, lest we, too, hear this condemning question, FRIEND, WHEREFORE ART THOU?

Revival

A four weeks' revival just closed in Bristol, Tenn., with Sister Christine Hyre as evangelist. There were fifty-five saved, thirty-five sanctified, sixteen or eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water and nineteen added to the church. Sister Hyre is a good preacher and is especially appealing to the young people. Bristol is up on all the requirements for the honor roll.—J. A. Bixler, pastor, 1316 Shelby St., Bristol, Tenn.

Revival Reports

SCHOOLFIELD, Va.—An old time revival which lasted from June 30-July 7 resulted in twenty-one being saved, twenty-one sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, and eighteen added to the Church of God. We are more convinced now than ever that it takes much prayer to bring a revival. Each Friday night we have a prayer band which prays all night long and each morning at 8:00 a. m. Pray that Schoolfield will keep on the upward run.—Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Sells, pastors.

SUGAR VALLEY, Ga.—Our revival closed July 9 with twelve saved, five sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and six added to the church. Brothers Marvin Pilcher and John Leonard of Shannon, Ga., did the preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The altar was filled every night. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing in which the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Pilcher and Brother Leonard are now conducting a revival at Tows Chapel. Pray for them and for our little church at Sugar Valley.—Miss Lucille Davis.

TALLADEGA, Ala.—Praise the Lord for the way He is blessing our little church here in Talladega. We have just closed a revival with Brother and Sister T. G. Pearson and Sister Dorothy Hilman. God surely blessed. The power of God came down each night and some nights the Holy Ghost took charge. Fifteen were saved and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. The Word was really given out by Brother and Sister Pearson. We thank God for workers like them. Our church is on fire for God.

We also thank God for our good pastor, Brother A. L. Reed. He is a real child of God. He has been with us almost three years and we know he really lives the life. He has suffered many things but God has been with him. Pray for us at Talladega.—Lola Mae Johns, 209 West St.

BASTIAN, Va. reports a good revival with twelve saved, four sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Charles Christenbury of Belmont, N. C., a student of B. T. S., did the preaching.—Marvin E. Porter, pastor.

FERRELLSBURG, W. Va.—We thank the Lord for the good revival just closed here at Ferrellsburg Church of God held by Brother Elmo Jennings and wife of North Carolina, assisted by our good humble pastor, Brother R. B. Underwood. Brother Jennings did some wonderful preaching under the anointing of

the Holy Ghost and the saints were made to rejoice and were encouraged to fight the battle on for God. There were five experiences, two baptized in water, and two added to the church. The last night of the revival we observed the Lord's Supper and had feet washing. The Lord surely blessed. The church learned to love Brother and Sister Jennings and we were sorry when they had to leave. — Mrs. Junie Carver.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio. — July 3 brought to a close a wonderful six weeks' revival with Brother Waltemire, pastor, preaching the first three weeks and Sister Preston of Ashland, Ky., continuing until the end. There were thirty-six saved, twenty-eight sanctified, and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. One sister was healed of a paralytic stroke by the mighty power of God. Her left side and throat were paralyzed and she couldn't speak nor take nourishment for ten days, so we praise God who is a miracle worker today as He was nineteen hundred years ago.

Pray for us that God will use us in His work and that we will keep humble before Him.—Brother and Sister Waltemire, pastor, 2034 Robinson St.

CHRISTOPHER, Ky.—I praise the Lord for the good revival we have had here with Brother Richard, our pastor, conducting the services. Six were saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and three added to the church. I feel so happy because my father and husband were baptized and came in the church. Pray that the Lord will strengthen my body and that I will be a faithful soldier of the cross.—Sister Della Hogston, Lothair, Ky.

BEREA, Ky.—We just closed a one week's revival held by Brother W. T. Truett, pastor of the Church of God at Pineville, Ky. Much good was accomplished; the altar was filled most every night. We praise the Lord for a minister like Brother Truett, and we hope to have him again sometime in the future.—James Elam, clerk.

We praise the Lord for the revival recently conducted by the writer at Yazoo City in which nine were saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. Several others are to follow when opportunity is given. Misses Ruth Ellis and Mary Dearman were in charge of the music and singing. The most outstanding service was a result of Sister A. B. Everett's getting under a great burden and putting

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Question Box

Question: Please explain 2 Thess. 2:7. Who is this to be taken out of the way?—P. D. F.

Answer: The 2nd chapter of 2 Thessalonians tells of two days. One of these is the day of the Lord, the other is the day of Satan or the day of the antichrist. Paul states that the day of the Lord shall not come except the day of antichrist comes first. It shall be a falling-away time to prepare for the man of sin, the son of perdition, the mystery of iniquity, the lie, or Satan himself incarnated in human flesh and reigning upon the earth. Satan does not reign upon the earth. He is the prince of the power of the air. In the 12th chapter of Revelation we have the story of his being cast out of the aerial heaven or out of the air and becoming enthroned upon the earth. He cannot do that now. It is not his time. This is the Holy Ghost dispensation and the Spirit of God is here in His Church and is hindering the work of the antichrist spirit, and will hinder until He, the Spirit of God, is taken out of the way. That shall happen when the Church is raptured and then shall the antichrist be revealed and shall exalt himself above all that is called God, etc.

Question: Please explain Rev. 7:3. Is this seal the Holy Ghost?—P. D. F.

Answer: No. To begin with, this seal is carried by the angel and is made by the angel. It is a visible mark in the forehead just the same as the mark of the beast is a visible mark. One, however, is the seal of the antichrist and the other is the seal of God. It is a special designation of those who have accepted the Lord from the twelve tribes of Israel. The 144,000 are all descendants of Israel, hence a Gentile cannot be one of the 144,000 as some have seemed to think.

Question: Will you please explain in the Evangel Dan. 7:25, especially the last clause?—Mrs. V. Y.

Answer: We give the verse: "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most high, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." This scripture evidently refers to the reign of the antichrist who shall exercise great power and authority during his reign. The last clause of the verse describes the length of time that he shall pour out his wrath upon the children of God. The time and times and the dividing of time is calculated to be three years and a half. This is parallel with the description in Rev. 13:5, "And power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."

Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board



Ministers and workers in the Church of God, Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America

TWELVE ARGENTINE MISSIONS UNITE WITH THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SOUTH AMERICA

TIME will not permit giving a full report at this time, as we are in the midst of a red-hot revival and busy almost day and night. Thirty-seven have been baptized with the Holy Ghost during the last few weeks, and interest continues to increase, with whole families turning from Catholicism to the light of the full gospel truth as preached by the Church of God and other kindred movements.

*Evangelical Pentecostal Church United
With the Church of God*

The Pentecostal Evangelical Church with eleven branches spread out fan-like through the city of Buenos Aires and surrounding territory, have come into the Church of God by unanimous consent. The membership records are not complete as yet, but there are four hundred thirty registered at the Central Mission. They have a fine brick-stucco cement-re-enforced church that seats around five hundred. The accompanying photographic cuts show the congregation in front of the church and the workers on the platform in the one taken inside the building. Another picture was taken of the congregation within, but it came out bad. I am holding the Bible of Rev. Marco Mazzucco spread out within my own book opened

at Matthew 16:18. I had just finished preaching a sermon using the latter verse for a text. After this the union was formed amidst shouts of victory that made the welkin ring. The two Bibles together in this manner represent that the Evangelical Pentecostal Church and the Church of God are no longer two, but one in the material as well as in the Spirit. Brother Mazzucco is standing to my

right, next to him is Sister Mazzucco. Their son Marco with accordion, is General Secretary. We are about thirty-five degrees south of the equator, and June 30 on which this photo was taken corresponds with December 30 in the northern hemisphere. This is winter time for us, and the little sycamore trees without leaves bear witness to this fact. However, in spite of the adverse weather conditions, the revival fires continue to burn.

An Urgent Appeal

In the first place, pray for the continued blessings of God upon the union thus formed by His Spirit, yes, by His Spirit. The Lord had been speaking to the people in various ways, by dreams, visions, prophecies, messages in other tongues with interpretations, that someone would be sent from very far. Finally it was made clear that someone was coming from North America, and your correspondent was recognized unanimously as the messenger, who was seen to arrive in a vision saying just three words, "Here I am." Next, I want you to pray for Rev. Marco Mazzucco that the Lord may see fit to provide an automobile for his use in the work, as it is almost impossible to take care of the work otherwise as it is extending very fast. A good used car can be bought here for about \$150.00. If any of our members or friends feel like helping in this way, they may send their offerings through the office of E. J. Boehmer,

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Church of God in Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN



HE last vestige of democracy has disappeared from defeated France! Not only was she conquered by the Nazis but she has voted, through her parliamentary bodies, to do away with all things pertaining to democracy forever. The representatives of the people, elected by the people of that unhappy land, voted almost unanimously to adopt the totalitarian form of government. Thus do we see the democracies of the earth bid farewell to the old order. "LIBERTY, EQUALITY, FRATERNITY," the tricornered stone upon which French democracy was erected, has given way to SLAVERY, SERFDOM AND SUBSERVIENCE. However much our learned theologians may point in another direction the PLAIN PEOPLE CAN SEE THE ONWARD MARCH OF ANTICHRIST. The antichrist must, necessarily, have absolute dictatorial powers. As one nation after another abandons democracy for dictatorship, it occurs to us that they are paving the way for the coming of the man of sin.

The President of the United States has requested another appropriation from the Congress of five billion dollars for the purchase of armament. More ships! More planes! More guns! More men to die! More mothers' hearts to break and crush. In the last year our government has set aside the staggering total of TEN BILLION DOLLARS FOR WAR PREPARATIONS AND DEFENSE. The authorities are not to be condemned for this frenzied action. War threatens from the East and from the West. The South is none too peaceful. War-like gestures are the order of the day the world over. The ambitions and aspirations of the dictators know no stopping place. The subjugations of free peoples will continue. Traditions and customs and political usages are thrust to the four winds here at home. Jesus saw it coming and gave the warning. "WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS."

In Ohio, where the writer happens to

be at the moment, the weather has turned suddenly cold in the middle of summer. People are inclined to laugh and appear as if it is perfectly natural. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT A NATURAL THING TO HAVE COLD WEATHER IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER. The thermometer dropped to a low of 44 degrees. Scientists inform us that "sun spots" are at the root of the trouble. Nothing say they, to be alarmed about. Nothing, say the learned men, to show that anything out of the ordinary is happening. Jesus said, "AND THERE SHALL BE SIGNS IN THE SUN, AND IN THE MOON, AND IN THE STARS: AND UPON THE EARTH DISTRESS OF NATIONS" (Luke 21:25). It occurs to this writer that these things are as the finger of God writing words of warning to the peoples of the earth to "PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD."

The Associated Press reports that the U. S. mints have to work overtime these days to supply the demand for nickels. The reason? SO MANY NICKELS ARE USED IN SLOT MACHINES AND OTHER GAMBLING DEVICES THAT THE SUPPLY OF THAT PIECE OF MONEY IS RUNNING SHORT. Lord, help us! With distress, heartbreak, chaos, despair, hopelessness, misery, poverty, woe, and grief all over the earth, slot machines are enjoying unusual prosperity. The churches of the land are loaded with men who operate and play slot machines! Truly the minds and hearts of men are turned farther and farther from God.

I quote from THE VOICE: "Off and on we have reported here the activities of the American Bible Society; off and on we've thought that we might come to some year when the Society's report wouldn't be worth reporting. But not yet . . . Eighteen new languages were added to the Society's list in 1939; some parts of the Bible they have now published in 1,039 tongues and dialects. Six of these were African, seven new Asiatic, four Philippine dialects, and one in an

Indian language spoken in British Columbia. We know no finer piece of work being carried on." Well, there it is! The gospel of the kingdom is destined to cover the earth! The Word must be heard! And, when that is accomplished, THEN SHALL THE END COME!

"Washington, July 12.—A decision to call about 50,000 National Guardsmen to camp as soon as possible for perhaps a year's intensive training was reached today by President Roosevelt and his new Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson." That is the first step to universal compulsory military training, a step now advocated by the jingoists and militarists of this country. Europe has sunk into anarchy and oblivion and that course was one of their strongholds, one of their outstanding characteristics. Let us follow their footsteps and wallow in the same slough. Sure, go into the homes, drag out the young men. Train them the arts of war. God help us in these dark hours to be led by the Holy Spirit!

The news broadcasts of Lowell Thomas have taken on new significance for students of prophecy. He has mentioned in recent newscasts the revival of the Roman Empire, naming the countries and parts of countries which were therein. He is very emphatic in his prophecy that the aim of Mussolini is to emulate the Caesars and rule over the ancient empire as renewed. Well, that suits the theology of most Church of God ministers. The point I make is that even men of no religious pretensions whatever see the fulfillment of scriptural prophecy.

"Weston, Mass., July 14.—A severe earthquake which began at 1:03 A. M. and lasted about four hours, was recorded today at the Weston College Seismograph Station. Rev. Daniel Linehan reported the college seismometer indicated the quake occurred about 4,680 miles northeast of Boston, in the vicinity of the Aleutian Islands in the North Pacific Ocean. The (Continued on page 16)

Mississippi State Convention Convenes Aug. 1-4, Eupora

THE CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL, ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA



This picture was made June 30 which marked the close of a Red and Blue contest. This day broke an all-time record. There were 517 present. Both sides worked faithfully throughout this contest. The Blues were victorious, the writer being one of the losers. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way from the very beginning of this contest. The Sunday School offerings amounted to \$342.81, out of which we have painted both inside and outside of the church building. We have equipped the church with proper electric lights and fixtures, and made several improvements on grounds and buildings. This all was made possible by the cooperation of our pastor and the church in general, with the help of the blessed Lord.

On bench in front are seated the church and Sunday School officials. Left to right: Rev. H. T. Durden, pastor, pastor's wife, S. D. Tyndell, Sunday School superintendent and deacon. He is also holding Sunday School district banner. Alton Avery, assistant Sunday School superintendent. He is holding Y. P. E. district banner. J. E. McLamb, secretary and treasurer, also a deacon, Z. E. West, choir leader and deacon, Jessie Bradshaw, group captain of Blues, Beatrice Bradshaw, secretary and treasurer of Blues, Elizabeth Tucker, secretary and treasurer of Sunday School, Bessie Cox, secretary and treasurer of Reds, Arthur Cox, group captain of Reds.—J. E. McLamb, clerk, Box 631, Erwin, N. C.

Reports From the Field

Home-Coming a Wonderful Day

July 7 we had a fine time in the Lord. Brother Mills, pastor at Berea and Richmond, was with us and preached a fine sermon on "Charity." We also had Brother Hopkins of Ohio, Brother Bromingfield of Crescent Springs, and many other good preachers and people from other places. Dinner was served at the church. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Prophet, pastor, got a nice offering.—Stella Tankersley, Crab Orchard, Ky.

ALTAPASS, N. C.—We have a few real members in our church. Brother D. C. Fry came from Hickory, N. C., and

organized a Y. P. E. which is getting along fine. This is a small place and it is hard to get people to believe. We would be glad to have some good man of God to run us a meeting for we surely need one. We have a real man of God for our pastor. I really thank God for him and his wife.—Mary L. Lowery.

YARBROUGH TOWN, Ga. — We praise the Lord for our church here and the faithful few who are holding on to the Lord. We also praise Him for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister A. G. Kennington. He has been so faithful and we know he is a real man of God. We have a good Sunday School

and are expecting it to grow better. Our revival has just started with Brother H. E. Nation doing the preaching. Pray for us.—E. M. Atkins and Annie Yarbrough.

Church and Convention Report

Sister Carl Milligan of Detroit, Mich., reports a good work in Detroit this year. They came to East Detroit last fall after the Assembly and found some good loyal members and friends of the church who have stood by them and worked with them to carry on the work. God has blessed, several have prayed through to victory and the saints are more encouraged. Their Sunday School and Y. P. E. are on the increase. Brother and Sister Milligan attended their first camp meeting and convention in Michigan at Lake Odessa. God blessed in a great way throughout the meeting. Brother R. P. Johnson, Brother and Sister Waters and (Continued on page 16)

Texas Convention Convenes at Weatherford August 5-11

More About State Conventions

R. P. JOHNSON

IOWA

ONLY those who have visited the Iowa state conventions can fully appreciate the progress being made out where the tall corn grows. For it has been only a few short years since the state of Iowa was almost a foreign field as far as the Church of God activities were concerned, but today she is not in the cellar class, owing to the faithful, godly leadership of



their good state overseer and other sacrificing, hard working, cooperative ministers and laymen. While it is gaining in membership and in new churches, that is not the only gains being registered, for to date of this assembly year it takes the banner on missions (figuring in

terms of membership). The state mission offering amount to approximately \$1.60 a member.

KENTUCKY

had one of its best conventions, which revealed that the work is moving forward on every line. Reports revealed that they are determined to be in deed what they are in word, 100% Church of God people, and they are happy in that pursuit. Like their Lord, they want their works to testify for them. James gives us to understand that faith without works is dead. The many complimentary things spoken by their overseer of the ministry and laity of the state, as well as the good reports following, show that unity and love prevails, which is a sign of CHURCH HEALTH and as you know good heal is a mighty factor in any worth-while success.

FLORIDA

has set the pace, as far as state meetings are concerned, and has been considered second only to the General Assembly in attendance. It is also looked upon as the outstanding spiritual feast of the year. While the General Assembly interprets what the policies of the Church are, these state meetings have a great deal to do with THE GUIDING OF THESE POLICIES (which is proper). The ministry of Florida as well as visiting ministers always feel free in expressing their approval of those policies, and this last camp meeting was no exception, for both the home guard and visiting soldiers seemed to delight in seeing that the Church of God standard is kept out of the dust, and God set His seal upon their efforts. While the ministry was considerate yet they were frank as to the great blessing of loy-

alty and grave danger of disloyalty and those tried and true saints shouted while the teachings of the Church were being upheld from the pulpit. The music and singing, would inspire one who had any capacity for inspiration at all. This part of the service is not treated as a preliminary to the main service but is considered a part of the main go, for they recognize that a high spiritual tide rolling in during the devotional exercises is of untold value to a minister when he comes forth to bring the Word in sermon. The business-like way in which the affairs of the state have been guided speaks well for both overseer and those associated with him in taking care of the Church of God. It is a source of real joy to know that the Church's affairs throughout the country are in good hands. There was a goodly number who left this camp meeting running over with joy for they had received the Holy Ghost.

SOUTH CAROLINA,

the little palmetto state, is waving high the BIG BANNER OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, for according to records it stands as the banner state of its group and it is in Group One. It came through this convention in a manner that justifies it in receiving the high honor of banner state. While I could only be there for the first of the convention, I put the part that I was in with the report of the last two days and the whole seemed almost too good to be true. Brother Bright, with the cooperation of faithful ministers of the state and as loyal laity as can be found any place, is not trying to put on a show but they have a program and are working together and God is with them. (NO ONE COULD ASK FOR MORE.) No doubt Brother Walker will give a more detailed report as he was there for the greater part of the convention.

NORTH CAROLINA

convention was in full swing when I arrived there Saturday morning about 10:30, and how glorious to walk in and realize that this convention was swinging to new and higher heights than we had attended in previous years. The preachers had swung away out on the teachings and program of the Church and the laity was in the swing with them, and to add extra blessedness to the occasion, the Holy Ghost was there to confirm the truth, making it both easy to preach and to receive the preaching, until one outburst of shouting and rejoicing after another would so fill the building until the speaker would have to stop and wait. Their business session revealed a well-planned and even balanced program which was being well carried out. Every department

of the General Assembly came in for due consideration. Their mission offering was double that of a year ago. This was gratifying indeed. The reports from the L. W. W. B's were second to none that I have heard this year. The Y. P. E's rendered one of the most businesslike and interesting programs of the season. Their educational program has its attractions. The people from the old tar heel state have that spirit of "go forwardness regardless of cost in dollars and cents" that is winning for them first place in building this year. One district has more building activity than some pretty good sized states. Yes, there is harmony and victory over in the old Sir Walter Raleigh state.

"MICHIGAN

is gaining" was commonly reported at their state convention, and records bear out the reports for they have made near on to a 25% gain in membership the first eight months of this assembly year and the prospects are that this year will reveal a 33% gain if the spiritual interest remains high, for the people in that section who are not members of the Church of God are awakening to find that it holds a standard of spirituality and order which they are in need of and they are coming home. Reports showed marked increase in property values. The Detroit district where Brother Stewart Brinsfield is district overseer is forging to the front; and if they keep up the present pace the time will soon be when Detroit and vicinity will have as large a district convention as the present state convention. The camp meeting and convention held at Lake Odessa was supported by practically all ministers and it has been through their faithfulness that the state overseer was able to have the good report of general interest and progress throughout the state. Keep your eye on the Lake regions. Michigan is headed for a front ranker. Brother Kerce loves his work and from reports the people must love him and, of course, this makes work a pleasure.

AWAY OUT

In Minot, D. Dak., where we are at present, the great Northwest camp meeting is coming to a close in the greatest blaze of Pentecostal glory that I have ever witnessed at that campground. The attendance, attention, love, unity, co-operation, spirit to serve and to sacrifice, along with the deep piety prevailing, also the reverence for God, His Word and His house, all contributed to making this a delightful place to be, indeed, and causes one to thank God for the blessed privilege of enjoying such gracious and sweet association.

The Northwest is enjoying one of its best years in some ways and especially in building or buying church property. Then there have been some new churches. The camp meeting grew in interest as the days

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Bible School

OUR GOAL

STUDY... TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED

B.T.S. GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

OUR GLORY

THE BIBLE SCHOOL BY WAY OF RETROSPECTION

A LONG with the other departments of the Church of God the Bible Training School has enjoyed a phenomenal growth. At the 13th Annual Assembly which convened at Harriman, Tennessee, in November, 1917, it was decided that something must be done about a Bible School and as a result this enthusiastic and deliberate consideration brought about a committee to formulate plans and arrange for definite action in the matter. A report of the work of this committee was made to the Assembly and accepted. We give the report as it was read by the chairman of the committee:

"We have considered this matter and decided that we need a school. We first considered using the Assembly building at Harriman, then we decided it would be better at present to have it at Cleveland, and use the upper room where the Elders meet in council. We



Students of first term of Bible Training School—top row, left to right: Jesse Danehower, Earl Hamilton, Avery Evans, Nora Chambers, teacher. Bottom row: Mrs. M. S. Haynes, Nannie Ruth Hagewood, Lillie Mitchell



Students of fifth term of Bible School. Rev. Zeno C. Tharp second from left on top row.

recommend that the General Overseer have supervision of the school and hire such teachers as he may deem necessary. This school shall be for the training of young men and women for efficient service on the field. The Bible shall be the principal textbook but such literary work as is necessary, and music, shall be included in the course. We hope to have the school ready to commence by the first of December or as soon thereafter as possible."

The report of this committee was accepted and they went right to work to arrange for the school. The services of Nora I. Chambers of Illinois were secured as teacher and on January 1, 1918, the first term of Bible School opened in the council chamber of the old Evangel office building in Cleveland, Tennessee. This first term of Bible School was not very largely attended, there being only six students

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The Church of God Bible Training School opens October 7, 1940, at Sevierville, Tenn. For information and catalog, address Church of God B.T.S., Sevierville, Tenn.

Obituaries

FOWLER

Sister Ida Ann Fowler, a member of the Church of God for many years, departed this life June 16, 1940 at the age of seventy-six years.—Her leader, Ora Belle Thompson, Auburn, Wash.

FRAZIER

In memory of our little baby, Mary Lois, who died Sept. 8, 1939.—Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Frazier.

FRAZIER

In memory of our little babies, Jemima Faye and Martha Gay, who were born June 1, 1940, Jemima Faye making her short stay with us only ten hours and Martha Gay nine days, four and one-half hours.—Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Frazier.

SCOTT

Sister Willie Scott, a member of the Church of God at Alabama City, Ala., departed this life June 25, 1940; age fifty-six years and six months.—Her sister, Nannie Hall, Fitzgerald, Ga.

HORNSBY

Ada Carroll, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hornsby of Cincinnati, Ohio, and granddaughter of Rev. J. A. Muncy, was born Jan. 6, 1940 and departed this life May 26, 1940.—Her aunt, Mrs. Jule Daniel.

BLOODWORTH

Juanita, darling baby of Brother and Sister H. P. Bloodworth of Clearwater, Fla., departed this life June 21, 1940; age five months and twenty-six days.—Her grandmother, Sister R. Bloodworth, Rt. 2, Thomasville, Ga.

TESTIMONIES

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Mrs. Bessie Murray of Seco, Ky., praises the Lord for healing her sixteen-year-old daughter June 16 when she had a very serious attack of appendicitis.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—I am proud of God and His goodness to me. We are proud of the Church of God at Wake Forest. We have a grand Y.P.E. and Sunday School here, which we are glad to report, and we thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother J. R. Sanders. He has been a good worker for the Lord for the past eight months. — Jimmie Baker.

W. M. Crow of Webbers Falls, Okla., reports that they are still alive at Mountain Grove, doing their best for the Lord. The Lord has been blessing in their serv-

ices. They like their pastor very much and still have a good Sunday School with about seventy in attendance.

STEWART, Miss.—Well, it just seems like my heart is bubbling over because of our work here. We are so thankful to the Lord and our good pastor for the work that has been done at this place. I am so overjoyed about our little parsonage that we have here now for our pastor. Brother and Sister Wright came here at the beginning of this assembly year and opened fire on the devil and went right to preaching just like old Noah, and now by the help of the good people and the Lord we have a nice little four or five-room parsonage.

Another thing I praise God for is, since they came here the church has gone over the top with the \$1.00 per member drive, the five per cent mission, and the Evangel drive. The church is going over the top with everything for the first time on record. Pray for us here at Williams Springs to stand true and be loyal to God and His teachings and stand by our pastor.—G. L. Varnes.

MILLBORO, Va.—I thank and praise our dear Lord for everything He has done for me. I thank Him for hearing and answering prayer. On Feb. 22, 1940, He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him for a little church that has been recently built in Goshen and for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Gentry.

The enemy is fighting the little work here.

Dear saints everywhere, hold on to God and pray as never before as I believe our Lord is soon coming back after His people. I thank the Lord for His healing power. I thank Him for the Y.P.E. that has been started here. Every saint of God pray for me that I will stand true and be ready to go when Jesus comes or calls.—Jewell Lyle.

Rejoicing in the Love of God

We at Atoka, Okla., are still rejoicing in the love of God. Oh, it is joy unspeakable and full of glory the way the Lord is blessing us here. The jealous devil is howling but God keeps blessing. Pray for us—O. J. Burleson.

QULIN, Mo.—I praise God for His healing power. Last April I had an infection on my face, also suffered with my feet until I could hardly bear to go about my work. I wrote a request to the Evangel for prayer for the healing of my body and limbs. Praise the Lord for a mindful Savior that we can trust for our healing and who is mindful of us through our struggles and temptations and keeps us preserved, set apart from all worldly lust and gives us a desire to live for Him.

Pray for me and my home, two daughters and my husband, that He will have His way in our lives.—Nancy Hedge.

TROY, Tenn.—I thank God for His many blessings to me. I thank Him for His wonderful healing power. He has healed me and my little girl so many times.

Several days ago I sent off a request for prayer for my little girl to be healed of nettle rash and for the healing of my throat. I thank each one who prayed for us. My throat has hardly bothered me any at all since and she was completely healed.—Mrs. Frank Davis.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—I praise the Lord for healing me of high blood pressure through your prayers. The doctor has taken my blood pressure since and it registered normal.

I have had flu, and pneumonia, been in bed all the year almost and once I had to get up and fell and bruised my foot badly. Now I am healed all but my foot. It seems as though it won't get well. Pray that God will heal my foot. — Janie Brown.

STATESBORO, Ga.—I praise the Lord for His mercy and love to me. Through every hard trial and test He keeps me with victory in my soul. I thank Him for His great healing power. My knee is about well of arthritis. I want you to hold on to God for my complete healing. I know I will be healed for I am depending on Him and I've been healed so often in the last twenty years.

Pray for my loved ones to be saved.—Sister Florence Sturm.

Testimony of Hill Ridgeway

When he first began seeking salvation, he joined the Northern Methodist church on six months' probation. They then pronounced him all right and good for membership, but he said he wasn't converted until about one year later. About sixty-one years ago this summer he was converted, justified by faith and regenerated before God in a grove meeting close to the cemetery of Wynville, Ala. He stayed in that church until they began preaching sanctification. He hungered for this blessing. About thirty-six years ago he received the wonderful blessing of sanctification. "It was as bright an experience as the noonday sun," he said. That was one of the bright spots of his life. When he told this he got so happy, he shouted and praised God for it.

Later one of his sons-in-law, who lived in Alabama City at the time, wrote him that a tent meeting was going on there. Something new was being preached and they wanted him to come and see. He said he could hardly wait for the train to run, he was so anxious to hear the new

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Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

My family to do God's will; a revival; me to be healed; my children; my lost loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Mattie Lee Selby, Tyronza, Ark.

The healing of my right lung. I had double pneumonia and I have been having severe trouble with my right lung since.—M. A. Tate, Fireco, W. Va.

The healing of my ears.—L. Rosmus-sen, Rt. 4, Box 76, Selma, Ala.

The healing of my oldest girl, she is ruptured and under weight; my sister who has been sick for some time; me and my husband to stand true.—Mrs. Gracie Mixon, Moniac, Ga.

The healing of my side.—Mrs. E. S. Wells, Rt. 2, Kentwood, La.

The Lord to heal my granddaughter's tonsils and kidneys.—Mrs. W. T. Wil-liams, Rt. 3, Millen, Ga.

The healing of my mother-in-law and that she will see the light on the Holy Ghost. Her address is Mrs. C. E. Wolfe, Rt. 3, Nicholls, Ga. My sister-in-law to be healed; our revival; my loved ones to get interested about their souls.—Mrs. Myrtice Wolfe, Nicholls, Ga.

My niece to be healed of St. Vitus's dance and be saved; my unsaved loved ones to be saved; me to stand true.—Mrs. Ella Collins, High Shoals, N. C.

My home that God will undertake and make it a home of prayer; God to save my husband; the Lord to give me health and heal my body and help me teach my children.—Mrs. A. M., Lane, Okla.

Me to be healed of a skin infection and other afflictions.—Mrs. Rebecca Dozier, 315 N. 5th St., Blytheville, Ark.

My unsaved loved ones; the church at Selma; our pastor; my mother who is af-flicted.—Frances Grice, Selma, N. C.

My home; my little daughter to be healed of fever, she has been sick five weeks. Fast if led. Me to be healed and have more strength to fight life's battles; my husband and other children to be healed; our financial condition; me to re-ceive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Nina Brew-ington, Bloomington Springs, Tenn.

The healing of Brother Jesse Smith who is in a serious condition. Unless God un-dertakes, there is no chance for him.—Sister Ira C. Tucker, Nicholsville, Ala.

The healing of my lungs. The doctors say I have a pus pocket in one of them and I spit up blood and pus most of the time.—Mrs. Gracie Elwood, 607 Ashe St., Key West, Fla.

The healing and saving of G. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.; Mrs. Alice Briggs and little son who are very

sick; Mrs. Sarah Warford, Miss Angeline Cross, Jap Hedrick, Lindsay Owen, El-mer Newsom, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Wall, and John Morgan, Rt. 1, Box 308, Cand-ler, N. C.—Mrs. Florida A. Smith, 228 N. Hillsboro, Arcadia, Fla.

Our revival.—Ellis Wright, Rt. 2, Al-toona, Ala.

My backslidden companion to come back to God.—Lucille Morrison, Marked Tree, Ark.

A neighbor to be healed of cancer; my son's foot to be healed; my husband to be delivered; the healing of my side and nerves.—Mrs. K. McGhee, Rt. 3, Box 259, Tucson, Ariz.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. J. B. Cole, 8 Tennant St., Spartanburg, S. C. Me to be an overcomer; unspoken re-quest.—Annie Dixon, Rt. 1, Box 96, Tickfaw, La.

My sister, other loved ones and me.—Irene Owen, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

The healing of my body.—Sister Lela Shannon, Box 193, Farina, Ill.

The healing of my body, I am crippled; my eyes and throat; me to be saved.—L. E. Davis, Rt. 3, Box 128, c/o Mrs. Ellen Chavis, Orangeburg, S. C.

The healing of two friends.—Mrs. E. L. Rowe, Charleston, Miss.

Me.—Inez M. Davis, 834 Reservoir, Norfolk, Va.

Me to be healed of low blood pressure; my husband to be true and faithful.—Mrs. Ernest Lane, Watauga Valley, Tenn.

The healing of Mrs. Florence Barks who is in the hospital with a broken leg. There is quite a bit of infection, so pray for her healing.—Mrs. Short, Rt. 2, Uniontown, Pa.

Unspoken request. — Mrs. Alfred L. Thomas, Old Fort, N. C.

Me to be faithful; the healing of an orphan boy; the Lord to provide his needs.—Sister Lee Greene, Rt. 6, Box 361, Richmond, Va.

Me and my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; one of my brothers to be healed, he has epileptic fits. His address is S. A. Stamper, Hebert, La. Two unspoken re-quests.—Mrs. Ernie O. Harrelson, Rt. 1, Box 94-B, Grayson, La.

CORRECTION: In July 13 issue of the Evangel I had a request which read "The healing of my afflicted boy; our church at Canton" when it should have been, the healing of my afflicted body. I am just a young girl sixteen years of age.—Jorene Maney, Canton, N. C.

The healing of my body, I have a very badly ulcerated stomach and suffer much

pain.—E. J. Carver, Gen. Del., Colum-bus, Ga.

Unspoken request; me, I am so bur-den.—Martha Crump, 118 Oak St., Toccoa, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Mattie Lee McIntyre, Thomasville, Ala.

The healing of my body; my loved ones to be saved; our revival. — Mrs. Rutha Mitchell, Rt. 4, Emory, Tex.

Sister Rosa Holt and Sister Garrett of Nettleton, Ark., to be healed; my daugh-ter.—Minnie Adams, Nettleton, Ark.

The healing of my body and nerves.—Mrs. Walter C. Rylee, 633 Lake St., Blytheville, Ark.

The healing of my eyes.—Mrs. John Criner, Davis St., Blytheville, Ark.

The complete healing of my body of asthma; my daughter-in-law to be healed of T. B., the doctors say there is no chance for her; my husband to be healed of rheumatism and get salvation; my son to get salvation; me to be true.—Mrs. Mattie Clough, Samoset, Fla.

My children to become humble and get back to the Lord; their homes to become homes of prayer; unspoken request.—Ida Mae Guthrie, Lester, W. Va.

Be to be healed of arthritis and rheu-matism; me to receive the Holy Ghost; my husband.—Mrs. Tom Powers, Forrest City, Ark.

Glad I Am a Member

EMPIRE, Ala.—Dear saints, I am proud I can report victory in my soul. I am glad I am a member of the great Church of God and feel it is an honor to have my name on its book. Praise the Lord. I am glad of every teaching, love every rule. Nothing short of holiness sat-isfies me. I am glad of the great love I have for all my brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are proud of our dear pastor and his wife. They have helped us so much. We thank the Lord for the unity and love we feel and for the precious Word. Praise the Lord.

I am looking forward to His coming, aren't you? Thank the Lord for a sanc-tified home. I am glad of His healing power and glad we can trust Him for both soul and body.

Saints, pray for us that we will ever be humble and obedient and ever do His will and be soul winners for Jesus until He comes or calls.—Lucile Prince.

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Testimony of Hill Ridgeway

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things the preachers were preaching. They were preaching about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He said the devil tempted him worse than he ever had. Of course the devil was doing his best to keep him from receiving the Holy Ghost. He was blessed good then but didn't receive the Holy Ghost into his life until later at a tent meeting about twenty-five years ago.

Then when the Church of God doctrine came about he thought it was right and joined. He began taking the Church of God paper, the Evangel, when he first heard about it and missed but two issues, and that was no fault of his.

He said he had to walk in all the light he saw or he would lose victory; there was a while he failed to walk in the light but since he received the Holy Ghost he's been

*"Walking in the light
His path is shining bright,
No more dark night."*

He wishes he could impress on everybody the importance of walking in the light.

He has always had lots of faith and believes in divine healing. There has never been any doctors summoned to see him. He said he has nothing to boast of, only a wonderful Savior. He's looking for Jesus to come and has always warned the people to be ready, that Jesus was coming soon. His desire is to meet everybody in heaven, and the last thing he'd tell his children every time he wrote was to meet him in heaven.

His wife died about one and a half years ago, Dec. 14, 1938. They lived together sixty years to the hour from the time he carried her home from the Infair to the time of her death. He was born Feb. 6, 1858 and married about the age of twenty. They have eleven children living and eleven sets of grandchildren and about fifty great grandchildren.

They had prayer meeting at their house for about twenty-five years, every Tuesday night except during protracted meeting or bad weather. When no one came they would sing songs, pray, shout, praise the Lord, and enjoy life by themselves. There's no way of knowing how much good that prayer meeting did.

He likes the song, "I'm Gettin' Ready to Leave This World." "That's what I'm trying to do, getting ready to leave this world," he said.

*There's a word of tender beauty,
In the sayings of our Lord;
How it stirs our hearts to music,
Waking gratitude's sweet chord.*

*For it tells me that our Father,
From His throne of royal might,
Bends to note a falling sparrow,
For 'tis precious in His sight.*

In my Father's blessed keeping,

*I am happy, safe and free,
For the Savior gently whispers,
"Are you not much more than they?"*

*Tbo' I'm least of all His children,
So unworthy of His love,
Yet for me there's kind remembrance
In the Father's heart above.*

*He will ever save and keep me;
He will guide me on the way,
For my Savior gently whispers,
"Are you not much more than they?"*

—Written by Mrs. T. J. Jackson, Rt. 2, Altoona, Ala., Mt. Zion Church of God; N. G. Pearson, pastor.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This testimony rings sweet and clear, coming from one of the outstanding characters of Sand Mountain. Uncle Hill is well known by the Editor who, several years ago, held a revival at Mt. Zion church. The influence of this old sage is far reaching.

Revivals

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on the pageant "A Search in Vain" in the Y. P. E. services. Our work with Brother and Sister Everett will ever be held with us as a precious memory.—L. S. Cooper, Box 583, Greenville, Miss.

ATOKA, Okla.—We have just closed a revival in which the Lord really blessed. Seventy were saved, thirty-eight sanctified, thirty-six filled with the Holy Ghost; thirty baptized in water. The Lord really blessed us, people were healed of asthma, T. B., cancer and many other afflictions. Brother E. T. Curtsinger came down from Ada and brought three other brothers with him. He brought the message and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Brother Curtsinger set the church in order and this church will be on the Ada district. We are so thankful that the Lord has wonderfully blessed here at Atoka. We have some of the truest blue, heaven-bought, blood-washed saints here that God ever made. Pray for the Atoka church. Brother E. T. Glaze did the preaching during the revival. The Lord wonderfully blessed him.—Albert Blenkinship, Rt. 2.

COPPERHILL, Tenn.—We have just closed a very good revival with Brother F. C. Atkinson doing the preaching. There were twenty saved, fifteen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. We are looking for Brother Atkinson to come back and give us another revival in about five weeks.—E. E. Coleman, pastor.

NEWPORT, Tenn.—We praise the Lord for the revival at Cherry Hill which closed June 16. It proved a blessing to many. There were three saved, two sanctified and the church wonderfully encouraged. Brother Roy L. Davis of Kings

Mountain, N. C., did the preaching. We were also glad to have Brother Oval Guntor of Nebo, N. C., a member of the Gospel Trumpet church, who made music for us.—R. L. Sifford, pastor.

SWAINSBORO, Ga.—A good revival has just closed here at the Church of God in Swainsboro, conducted by the Happy Two, Brothers Brooks Youngblood and Ferris Moore. We thank God for sending them our way; they did some wonderful preaching, singing and playing. Souls were stirred and twenty-two were saved, seventeen sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water, and twelve added to the church. The revival closed with the altar full of seekers.

We also thank God for our faithful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister J. E. Davis. We feel they are doing a good work. Pray for us at Swainsboro.—Sisters Frankie Mae Moxley and Louise Cheeks.

SHAMROCK, Tex.—I praise the Lord for the three weeks' revival held at Shamrock. Brother Aubrey Mitchell did the preaching. The Lord surely blessed. Six were saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost and the saints revived. Please pray for the saints here that we will stand true to Jesus.—Lena Ackley.

We are so happy to report a five weeks' successful revival which closed June 23 conducted by Evangelist C. E. Bell. There were nine saved. We had four days of fasting in the home where we stayed. The power was so great, one was sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost without any preaching. Praise be to God, persecutors thronged doors and windows to see the mighty power of God which they never saw before. Many more are looking this way. The more they persecute us the more we preach holiness. We preach the Church more. Thank God, the Lord gave Sister Bell holy boldness and so she preached the church and praise God we are having victory through the blood. We had some willing helpers from the Sherwood Church of God. The Lord helped me to do my part through His great strength. Our pastor paid us a visit two days and then returned home. We were very glad to have him. Please pray much for us in this field.—Celeste Hudson, Sher. Con., Trelawny, Jam., B. W. I.

A two weeks' revival closed June 23 at Sale Creek, Tenn., with Brother Venable doing the preaching. There were nine saved, four sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord is blessing the church; it is over the top with its programs. Reported by Roy Dagnan, pastor, Chickamauga Ga.

Kellys Ferry, Tenn., Church of God just closed a wonderful revival which

ran from June 2-16. Twenty-nine souls found the Lord in all, fifteen were filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Hindmon of Mt. Olive, Tenn., did the preaching, assisted by Brother Irwin, pastor, and helpers. We were also blessed by having a good home-coming June 2. We enjoyed the privilege of having our district overseer, Brother E. E. Winters of E. Chattanooga with us, also Brother Charlie Griffith and other workers from E. Chattanooga. Brothers Douglas, W. M. Towns, Claude Newman, Frank Swagerty, Sister Stark, and others were with us.—E. S. Sexton.

Brother L. C. Pennington of Ranger, Tex., reports a successful revival with Brother G. G. Asher and wife doing the preaching. They preached under the anointing of God and hard-hearted sinners came to the altar. There were sixteen saved, fifteen sanctified and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Asher came from Weatherford, Tex., where they had a successful revival with sixteen receiving the Holy Ghost. He was at Mineral Wells before then where twenty-two were filled with the Holy Ghost.

A successful revival campaign just closed at the Uniontown, Pa., Church of God, High House, Pa. The services were conducted by Brother Daniel G. Homner who contemplates graduating from the Church of God Bible Training School with the class of '41, and Robert H. Thomas.—Viola DeFino, Adah, Pa.

Mobeetie, Tex., Church of God reports a five weeks' revival with Brother Aubrey Mitchell doing the preaching. He, his wife and brother as coworkers surely were a blessing, especially to the young people. Showers and floods of blessings came in every service. Twenty-one prayed through to the Holy Ghost and twelve came into the church, following the Lord in water baptism. Reported by Homer Smith, pastor.

Brother J. T. Campbell conducted a revival at Wichita, Kans., in which there were two saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water and sixteen added to the church. There are prospects for a Church of God seven miles south of Wichita just now. Pray for it as the enemy is trying to interfere but God is able to quench all the fiery darts of the enemy. Reported by Mrs. Rosa Finck, clerk, 2132 Walker Ave., Wichita, Kans.

Clyde Kilgore of Lake City, Tenn., reports a revival at Lake City conducted by Hobart Reynolds with seven saved and two sanctified. They also have a

Sunday School set in order and are blazing the way for the Church of God.

Bible Training School Echoes

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but two of these are men who are today preaching in the Church of God,—Rev. Earl Hamilton of North Carolina and Rev. Jesse Danehower of Arkansas.

The second term of Bible School produced Rev. Grant Williams, now pastoring in South Carolina. The third term produced Rev. Charlie Prince, now retired, and Rev. Paul H. Walker, overseer of Pennsylvania. The fifth term of Bible School produced Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, now Superintendent of Education, and Rev. John C. Jernigan, now overseer of Tennessee. By this time the Church of God Bible Training School had become quite a success. Rev. J. B. Ellis of Alabama was the principal of the fifth term of Bible School which had thirty-three scholars enrolled.

Since that time many of those who began in Bible School have become great preachers in the Church. Rev. E. M. Ellis, overseer of Florida, Rev. Harry L. Whittington, pastor in Atlanta, Ga., Rev. H. L. Chesser, overseer of Alabama, Rev. U. D. Tidwell, pastor of the second largest church in the movement, at Kannapolis, N. C., Rev. A. V. Beaubé, pastor of the largest church in the movement—Greenville, S. C., and many other pastors of the larger churches are graduates of the Church of God Bible Training School. This undoubtedly proves the great value of this great institution.

For several years the Church tried to keep up with the growth of the Bible School by building extra buildings at Cleveland but was finally so overrun until in 1938 the Church of God purchased the Murphy Collegiate Institute in Sevierville, Tennessee, for a new home of the Church of God Bible Training School. This institute is located on the beautiful highway between Knoxville and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, in the city limits of Sevierville.

Every young person who feels the call to the ministry and can possibly make a way to do so, should attend the Church of God Bible Training School.

More About State Conventions

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went by until on Saturday evening, July 6, nine or ten received the Holy Ghost. There is no finer set of workers in the Church, the majority of whom have received training in the Northwest Bible School, which speaks well for the school. Brother Boatwright has almost grown up with the work out there but he is not old to the people yet and he seems to love them better all the time, which makes it pleasant for all concerned. The great need

of the Church from coast to coast is more serious, determined, qualified workers who can take a few hardships without murmuring, who can give the cause their best and keep the gospel banner floating high and wide.

ALMOST

twenty-five years ago I became interested in the Church of God and for twenty-four years and four months I have been active in its service. It is my honest opinion that it has never had a greater opportunity than at present, from Maine to California, from Washington to Florida. Laborers are few and the fields are white unto harvest. WHO WILL HEAR THE CALL, PREPARE, AND THEN GO?

Report of Ohio State Convention

The state convention of the Church of God convened at Middletown, Ohio, June 26-30 inclusive. These were four days of manifest blessings of God long to be remembered.

On the opening night, Mayor Tom Baird welcomed the convention to the city. Rev. E. C. Walter, Baptist minister, brought a timely message on "Purpose of Conventions." He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost a week later at the Hamilton church. The attendance was very good. On the second night we overflowed from the local church into the spacious auditorium of the McKinley High School with seating capacity of about one thousand. On that night Honorable Judge H. L. Dell brought us a thrilling lecture on our prized American heritage of "Freedom of Press, Freedom of Assembly, and Freedom to Worship God as Our Hearts Dictate." May this "prized freedom" continue in America until Jesus returns to earth again.

Rev. M. J. Headley, host pastor of the local church, and his hospitable congregation provided the large body of delegates with fine entertainment, splendid meals, and generous service. The kindness with which we were treated will not soon be forgotten.

Among the goodly number of ministers present were General Overseer, J. H. Walker; outstanding Bible teacher, F. J. Dake; evangelist, Oscar Olsen of Chicago; state overseer of Indiana, R. J. Staats; returned missionary from India, Rev. John D. Staley; noted evangelist, Judge Sullivan; and others from neighboring states.

The day and nightly sessions brought us seasons of refreshing as we listened to messages on "Pastor's Activity and Faith," by C. B. Huff of Cincinnati; "Divine Healing" by J. H. Hughes of Canton; "His Coming and Rapture" by F. J. Dake, of Akron; "Adhesiveness" by M. J. Headley of Middletown; "Contending for the Faith" by F. J. Lavender of Lancaster; "Loyalty" by Judge Sullivan, and others were very inspiring. There was also a very illuminating lecture on condi-

tions of India and the Church's opportunities in that far-off land of mysticism, by returned missionary John D. Staley who spent thirteen years in India, an ordained Methodist minister for many years who has received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The climax of this convocation was on Saturday night when our beloved and esteemed brother, General Overseer J. H. Walker, brought us a soul-stirring message on "Our Mission Responsibility." We could hardly restrain the flow of tears as we were made to realize the great price Jesus paid for our salvation, the sacrifice our missionaries are making to carry the gospel across the seas, and our responsibility here in the homeland to stand by the "stuff." After this never-to-be-forgotten message, the mission offering was received and when counted, it was found to be more than double that of last year. Surely the state of Ohio is becoming more and more missionary conscious. Praise God!

Another interesting feature was the young people's rally in charge of Rev. James Stephens, state superintendent of Sunday School and Y. P. E. His message on "The Importance of Sunday Schools" was very inspiring. His report showed a marked increase in attendance and interest in these two departments of the church since the Assembly. Obviously, this was very encouraging because our young people of today will be the Church of tomorrow, if Jesus tarries.

Music and singing was in charge of James R. McCoy, W. E. Raney, and D. W. Weaver. The special singing and music was uplifting. Waves of Shekinah glory would sweep over the congregation and shouts of "Amen," "Hallelujah," and "Praise the Lord" were not uncommon.

The convention was presided over by our able state overseer, Brother E. C. Clark. A ministers' meeting was held and a committee was appointed to seek a location for state convention and camp ground. Under the guidance of the Holy Ghost and wise leadership of our state overseer, the Church of God in Ohio is marching on to greater success.

This "Feast of Tabernacle" came to a close with a powerful message from the heart of our General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, "A Blameless Ministry." We all returned to our respective fields of labor with vision renewed, faith strengthened, determination deepened to press on to greater victories and greater achievements. Surely we can say, "Hitherto hath the Lord blessed us, whereof we are glad."—Joseph Terlizzi.

Feet Washing

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of the Bible, John 3:16? You may say feet washing does not apply to you, and it may not, for Jesus said, "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen,"

John 13:18. If you have been chosen this ordinance is for you, and "if ye know these things, happy are ye IF YE DO THEM," John 13:17.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves," James 1:22. "Whosoever heareth these (more than one) sayings of mine, and DOETH THEM, I will liken him unto a WISE MAN," Matt. 7:24. The WISE WENT IN AND THE DOOR WAS CLOSED, Matt. 25. "If you know these things (sacrament and feet washing), happy are ye if you do them," John 13:17. Happy, happy, glad, and free! Your joy may be full. "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you," John 13:15.

He that is greater than his Master need not save to wash.

Mission Page

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Church of God General Secretary, Cleveland, Tenn. Brother Mazzucco was an assistant to the priests in the Catholic church for many years, and is now working very hard trying to make up for lost time. He is one of the best and most effective missionaries I have ever had the privilege to work with. If you can't do any more, pray! for "prayer changes things." When I can get time off from work I will give a fuller report, so until then adios.—Sincerely, J. H. Ingram.

Reports

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the Burnett sisters were a blessing and the good preaching and singing were enjoyed by all. Brother E. O. Kerce, state overseer, did all he could for the success of the convention. His heart is in the work. A wonderful mission service was had in

which the mission offering amounted to \$500.00.

Leaves From the Fig Tree

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tremors were severe, he said, they undoubtedly were felt on land in that vicinity. The station recorded another earthquake at 11:58 A. M. yesterday, 2,390 miles southwest of Boston, in the Pacific Ocean, west of Guatemala." Two earthquakes reported in one day. Truly the hand of God is shaking terribly this old earth. Each tremor is the hand of God warning the peoples of the earth to prepare for the coming of His Son.

The latest scientific report: "On the top of Palomar Mountain, 50 miles northeast of San Diego, Calif., skilled workmen under careful supervision are bringing toward completion what will be the finest astronomical observatory on earth. About a year's work remains to be done. Then posterity will see and photograph the secrets of the skies 750 million light years or, four and a half quadrillion miles beyond the present frontiers of space. The Palomar telescope, or, more precisely, astronomical camera, will use the famed 200 inch, 20-ton mirror cast in 1934 at the Corning Glass Works. Through it the moon will look as it would 25 miles from the earth's surface. In his search of the heavens, man has so far discovered about two hundred million stars. From Mount Palomar he'll see ten times that number. What they'll teach him no one knows, but some believe this telescope will solve the ultimate mystery of the structure of the universe." Yes, KNOWLEDGE WILL BE INCREASED. It must be so. This is to be AT THE TIME OF THE END.

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